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Agent's Annual Report Shows Busy Year

Runnels Fair Dates are Set for October 12 to 16

The dates for the 1931 Runnels County Fair were officially set Monday morning for October 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Charles Coombes, president, and J. D. Motley, secretary of the fair association, returned Sunday from Dallas where they attended the meeting of officials of associated fairs, and brought back a good report of that conference.

While at the Dallas meeting the local officials were able to secure bookings to suit the above dates and the Ballinger fair will be placed on a circuit with Amarillo, Lubbock, and San Angelo. The Dodson Shows, one of the largest traveling carnivals in the world, was contracted for the four cities. A contract will be made later with an amusement company for grandstand attractions on a percentage basis. The Dodson Shows have a solid special train of more than 30 cars, 12 riding devices and many shows and concessions. The concessions alone will require 1,000 feet of space, and the local carnival lot is too small to accommodate all of the concessionaires.

Amusement people were willing to take their chances at the Runnels County Fair, bringing a big attraction here on a percentage, allowing the fair association to handle football games on its own and show them on the athletic field in the afternoon following the grandstand program. This arrangement has been sought for many years by fairs in this section and the signing of such contracts will eliminate the chances for a deficit at the end of the season.

The executive committee of the Runnels County Fair Association was in session here Monday morning and following the meeting it was stated that premiums probably would be given on the profit-sharing basis this year. In this way all will take an equal chance on bad weather and at the same time if conditions are right the fair association possibly will receive more than has ever been paid in here. The exact plan for profit-sharing exhibitions will be worked out later by the board.

Practically all fairs in the state were represented at the Dallas meeting and more officials besides secretaries were present than ever previously. Officials were optimistic over the prospects for a good year and many set dates so as to form circuits and secure the best attractions. The Runnels county exposition was fortunate in being placed on one of the best circuits in the state, and also in securing dates about the same time as in former years.

The executive committee will commence work early this year towards making the 1931 fair a success. Special attractions will be booked early and everything possible done to make the county show bigger and better. All shows, rides and hippodrome acts will be new and never seen in this city before.

Alfalfa Boosts Butter Yield

AMES, Iowa, Feb. 4.—(A)—A herd of Iowa dairy cows fed straw and fodder produced milk averaging 16.3 pounds of butterfat. Changed to alfalfa hay the herd's average rose to 22.6 pounds and the cost of producing a pound of butterfat dropped from 70 cents to 55 cents.

Drought Increases Tree Rings

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 29.—(A)—Foresters who depend upon the number of rings to tell the age of a tree may be fooled in sections visited by droughts. Col. Page S. Bunker, Alabama state forester, said the 1930 drought caused two rings to grow this year on trees in this state, where ordinarily but one forms.

Fewer Farm Children

DURHAM, N. H., Feb. 4.—(A)—Federal census figures show 2,041 fewer farm children under five years of age in New Hampshire in 1930 than in 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hopkins, of San Angelo visited friends and relatives here over the week-end.

Causeway Work is Delayed by Rains

Roy F. Davis, city engineer, is ready to commence setting stakes for the causeway at the upper Elm Creek dam but after making investigations has decided that it will be impossible to begin this work now. Rains have been so numerous recently and the flow of the creek is so great that it is practically impossible to keep water out of the way.

During the latter part of last week city employees were able to drain water from the reservoirs so workmen could get to the place where the dirt work for the causeway is to be done. Later a rise came down and both lakes again were filled, a large volume running over the spillway. After estimating the flow of the stream and realizing how little rain it would take for other rises, Mr. Davis decided it would be impossible to begin operations at this time.

The fill for this causeway will have to be placed in the bed of the creek and considerable dirt work must be done on the approaches. A small rise would wash away this dirt, so the project will be delayed until it appears that a dry period is in sight.

The city administration has been anxious to get this work done so the road just below the upper dam could be opened to travel. The increased area under water caused by the new reservoir makes it several feet deep at the old ford when the lake is full and crossing there is impossible.

Work will start on the new causeway as soon as it is feasible.

SHEEP KILLED AND INJURED BY DOG

H. H. Thomson lost one sheep and had several others injured by a large black bulldog Wednesday at his feeding pens east of the city. He arrived just as the dog was doing the damage and drove him away but had no gun with which to kill the animal. According to county officials it is a violation of the law for dogs to run loose and kill fowls, sheep or goats and the owner of such dog or anyone in charge of the marauding animal can be fined for the offense.

Raises Best Hog Litter

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 3.—(A)—Richard Bergen, an Oldham county farmer, is Kentucky's champion hog raiser, using the ton litter as a unit of production. He raised a litter of pigs to weigh 2,723 pounds when 165 days old and led the 60 farmers in the state contest.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

Runnels Ginnings 32,134 to Jan. 16th

On January 16, 1931, Runnels county ginnings totaled 32,134 bales of the 1930 crop. This is much less than for one year ago when the figures on the same date were 43,016 bales. These reports count round bales as half-bales.

Cotton men believe that this is nearly all the production of the 1930 crop. A few places still have remnants to pick and gin but this will affect the total but slightly. Most gins have closed for the season and will not reopen until next fall when the new crops comes in.

Conservative observers early in the season estimated a total of 30,000 bales for the 1930 crop and were little short in their guess. At that time conditions indicated an almost absolute failure and some even estimated the production at 10,000 bales. Large acreage, however, kept the figures up and a few fields where irrigation was possible produced excellent yields.

Norton Man Dies from Self Inflicted Wounds

Jap is Arrested For Selling Wine

Chief of Police Lee Moreland and Deputy Sheriff Harp McFarland arrested Ben Togo, a Japanese, Friday night and placed him in jail on a charge of possession and sale of intoxicants.

Saturday morning an examining trial was held and Togo made a complete confession to County Attorney Roy Hill, saying that he manufactured the wine and had done so for some time selling it where he could. Bond was set in the case at \$500.

The two officers were riding about the town and had gone by where a dance was being held when they passed Togo with something under his arm. Chief Moreland stopped his car and called to the boy to come to the car and noticed he dropped the article he was carrying and it struck the ground without breaking. While he was talking to the Japanese, McFarland secured the package which proved to be a half-gallon fruit jar filled with grape wine. He granted officers permission to search his living quarters and a search there revealed several other jars making.

In the statement Togo stated that he knew the wine was intoxicating and had seen in one instance a man become drunk and unable to move in five minutes after drinking it.

The case will be held over for action of the grand jury which meets here on Feb. 9. For the present the defendant is in the Runnels county jail. With the confession was filed a check received by Togo for a jar of wine which he had sold and which had not been cashed.

Patrolmen Told To Arrest Drivers With '30 Plates

AUSTIN, Feb. 3.—The failure of local officers to enforce the motor vehicle registration law resulted in orders to state highway patrolmen to arrest every automobile driver operating with a 1930 license, L. G. Phares, chief of the patrol, said today. Several arrests already have been made. Phares said hundreds of cars are operating on old licenses.

Peanuts Instead of Apples

SELMA, Ala., Jan. 14.—(A)—Another variation to the sale of apples on the streets by the unemployed has been found. Here parched peanuts are being sold by the needy.

Crews School with Six Sets of Twins Beats Claim of Dimmit County Town

In an issue of The Ledger last week a news dispatch was published from Dimmit, Texas, reporting that five sets of twins were enrolled in a school at Nazareth, small town in Frio county. This community with a scholastic enrollment of 142 claimed the world's record for twins, but the Crews public school in Runnels county smashes that record.

The Nazareth parochial school is taught by five Catholic sisters. Mrs. Pink King, correspondent for The Ledger at Crews, read the story from Dimmit and reported back that the Crews school had enrolled seven sets of twins up to Christmas, when the family of one moved away, and now had six pairs in regular attendance. The Crews school had an enrollment of 183 at the close of the second month of school and perhaps is slightly greater at present.

C. H. Grounds is superintendent of the Crews school, considered one of the best rural schools in Runnels county, but when it became known that the district had set a world's record considerable surprise was evinced.

County Superintendent R. E. White stated that he had no idea there were so many twins attending the Crews school. He has visited there several times this year and noticed several of the duos but thought nothing of the matter until the report was called to his attention by The Ledger.

Twins attending the Crews school are: Melvin and Elvin Berry, and Florene and Lorene Berry, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry. May and Fay Grissom, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grissom. Melvin and Elvin Mathis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis. Lawrence and Lela May, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Berry. Florene and Lawrence, daughter and son of Mr. Somers. The seventh set of twins, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Blacklock, have moved from the community, but attended the school until Christmas.

Burglars Rob Dry Goods Store

Burglars broke into The Hub store here Monday night and an early check Tuesday morning showed considerable merchandise missing. The robbers entered the back door from the alley by prying off a panel of the door with a short iron bar.

R. E. George, manager of the department store, was called by City Night Watchman C. B. Armstrong when he discovered the broken door on his rounds. Mr. George hurried to the store and a brief inspection showed that five pairs of shoes, a suitcase or two, underwear, work pants and other garments were missing. The shoes were removed from the boxes and the empty boxes were strewn around the aisles. One pair of shoes stolen were mismates as an odd shoe was left in each of two boxes.

In the men's department several empty coat hangers were evidence that either suits or overcoats were taken. Several pairs of trousers were left in the floor, evidently being too bulky to cram in a suitcase already partly filled. A check was being made Tuesday in all departments of the store to determine exactly how much merchandise was stolen. Most of the stock was in good order and apparently had not been disturbed. All shoes taken were large sizes, ranging from tens to twelves. Three pairs were black and two were tan.

A number of shoe boxes were covered with finger prints and these were being saved for a Bertillon expert. Finger prints also were visible on the panel of the door where the robbers broke in and these were being carefully guarded until they could be examined for identifying suspects.

Local officers were busy on the case Tuesday morning and a close tab is being made in other West Texas cities for merchandise similar to that stolen here Monday night.

Bond Election Set For Next Saturday

Next Saturday, February 7, voters of Winters and commissioner's precinct No. 2 will cast their ballots in favor or against the proposed road bond issue in that precinct. An election has been ordered on this date which if passed will call for the issuance of \$180,000 in bonds, the money from the sale of same to be used in building and improving lateral roads in that precinct. Of the total sum \$44,000 will be used to retire outstanding indebtedness against the district.

The issue will require a two-thirds majority to carry and many people are said to be active in promotion of the issue. Winters citizens feel the need of improving these roads and an estimate of the needed work shows that the amount considered will be ample to look after drainage structures and grading needed.

The matter also is being urged as a means of giving employment to men and teams at this season when work is slack. None of the funds would be spent on highways in that precinct but would go for improvement of lateral roads.

Considerable opposition has developed to the issue and opponents claim the issue will be defeated by a heavy vote.

A 1931 poll tax and property tax receipt will be necessary to vote in the election as the date is just seven days past the time limit for an old receipt to be any good.

WILMETH SCHOOL CLOSED BECAUSE OF DIPHTHERIA

The Wilmeth school is closed this week for the second straight week on account of diphtheria being bad in that community. One child died during the past week and several others are quite ill at the present time from the disease. The school was ordered closed to check the spread of the disease.

Tom Cox, of Beeville, was here Saturday attending to business and visiting with friends.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following summary of the annual report of C. W. Lehberg, county agent of Runnels county, shows some of the reasons why this county leads all other West Texas counties in agricultural progress. The fact that Mr. Lehberg traveled a total of 23,697 miles last year in looking after his work is proof of his interest in this county's welfare. In addition to the narrative report a statistical resume is given which touches some of the high points of achievement.

By C. W. Lehberg
(County Agent, Runnels County)

In giving some of the results obtained in 1930 it will become necessary to refer back to the program that was started several years ago.

Someone has said, "Plan your work and then work your plan."

Six years ago we worked out a Five Year Balanced or Diversified Program for Runnels County. This plan was approved by the Agricultural Advisory Board composed of the Commissioners' Court, three representative farmers from each commissioner's precinct, the secretaries of the chambers of commerce, a representative of the Farm Bureau and the county school superintendent, representing the educational interests of the county.

This balanced farm program was worked out with the view of fitting the needs of the various communities in the county and I am proud to say that it has gone over in a much bigger way than any of us anticipated.

I am proud of this because it proved the wisdom of a definite program and the value and the greater measure of good that can be accomplished, by the various organizations dependent on the agricultural development of the county, when these organizations are consistently, continuously and

Highlights of County Agent's Report

- Days spent in the field, 261
- Days spent in the office, 65
- Office calls received 593
- Telephone calls answered giving information or instructions, 891
- Meetings held in carrying on extension work with adults, 135
- 4-H club meetings and field schools held, 97
- Attendance at these meetings, 8,570
- Farms and homes visited in carrying on extension work, 378
- Demonstrations visited, 93
- Letters written, 917
- Miles traveled in carrying on extension work, 23,697

conscientiously pulling together to reach certain definite results.

The six big phases of this balanced farm program, six years of which have become history of the past, are: 1. To live at home; 2. Soil conservation; 3. Poultry improvement work; 4. Dairy improvement work; 5. Seed improvement work; and 6. 4-H Club work.

Those who are familiar with conditions as they were six years ago and as they are today will bear me out when I say that splendid progress has been made along all lines bearing on these six phases.

The Live-at-Home Program, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, our efficient home demonstration agent, and which includes the home garden, canning and preserving of fruits and vegetables, canning of meats and home improvement has gone over in a big way. As a concrete illustration of this fact I need only point you to the splendid improvement in preserved and canned products shown during our last five county fairs and the Live-at-Home Fair held at Winters during the last two years. The Live-at-Home Program, however, is a partnership affair between the housewife and her husband, because taking care of the home orchard, tending to the dairy herd, raising the hogs and chickens and providing the necessary feed is the husband's part.

Not only has there been a large increase and improvement in these products but there also has been an increase in interest of at least 200 per cent and an increase in results obtained of more than 300 per cent.

The soil conservation phase of extension work, the building up of the soils on our farms by terracing, contouring and crop rota-

tion has increased 73 per cent during the last six years, or an increase of 18 per cent over last year.

We have now in Runnels county 231,000 acres under terraces and contour lines, of which 41,213 acres was done in 1930.

The United States department of agriculture figures that the increased value of terraced land over land of the same nature not terraced is at least \$5 per acre. Accordingly an increased cash value has been added to the terraced farms of Runnels county during the past five years of \$1,155,000 and an increased value, due to soil conservation work in 1930 of \$206,065.

Runnels county now holds the proud record of having the most acres under terrace and contour lines of any county in the state of Texas.

The results in poultry improvement work have been phenomenal. Six years ago there were hatched and shipped into the county approximately 200,000 baby chicks. Most of the flocks in the county were of a rather heterogeneous character, mostly a mixture of all kinds of breeds, sizes and colors. The average production per hen was 78 eggs per year. Last year there were hatched and shipped into the county over 750,000 baby chicks and the production per hen has been raised to 147 eggs per year.


Six years ago there was no poultry organization of any kind in the county. Today we have a poultry marketing association of approximately 800 members doing an annual business of \$250,000 a year. We also have a poultry breeders' association of 57 members, all of whose flocks are standardized or accredited. The majority of these flocks are headed by pure bred and pedigreed male birds.

During 1930 67 poultry culling schools were held; 173 farmers were assisted in selecting their breeding pens; 287 farmers were given instruction in feeding balanced rations, flock management, sanitary methods and disease control.

In the turkey improvement work much progress was made this year. Although the flocks were not as large as in previous years the quality of the birds was much better. This was due to a large extent to the work that was done last fall in assisting the growers in selecting their breeding stock and to the seven turkey grading schools that were held this fall and to definite feeding instructions that were sent out to the producers.

In the dairy improvement work we have had an increase of 63 1-3 per cent in six years since Extension work has been carried out under a definite balanced program and an increase in quality of dairy cattle of 31 2-3 per

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LINCOLN

The Man of the Ages

What a bright spot in American history HE was! Born in the backwoods, split rails for a living and became one of our greatest Presidents. Thursday the 12th is his birthday.

All Honor to Lincoln,
Friend of Humanity.

The Winters State Bank

This bank will not be open Thursday, February 12th.

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District court will open in Ballinger next Monday when the grand jurors are due to be sworn in and start their work.

One of the best pieces of work being done in this county at present is the women's clubs 4-H pantry program.

Strict orders have been given to all state highway patrolmen to arrest anyone found operating a motor vehicle with old number plates.

The entire state of Texas seems to be stirring just now to secure passage of legislation at this session of the legislature to regulate trucks and effect laws dealing with the busses.

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Many Texans are entering the battle for some kind of legislation against the buses and trucks.

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should increase interest and where there is enough interest the attendance is better.

The new proposition being discussed by fair officials over the state to ask that all departments of the fair be placed on a percentage basis seems right and fair and will do away with deficits in the future.

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FATHER OF BALLINGER WOMAN DIES AT HOLLAND

HOLLAND, Tex., Feb. 4.—Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon for E. W. Spiegelhauer, 91, of Holland, father of Mrs. Herman Lindeman of near Ballinger.

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Geo. Kirk, Drew Dickson and C. A. Dooze, jr., came in from Texas Tech at Lubbock Friday night to spend the week-end here with relative and friends.

H. L. Mobley, formerly manager of the Central Hotel, was in town Monday attending to business.

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CAPITOL News

AUSTIN, Feb. 2.—It takes steady nerves and an arm like a blacksmith are three prominent requisites anyone should have who seeks the office of speaker of the house of representatives.

The quick ear is essential to determine viva voce votes. In one recent instance it was apparent that more members voted for a measure than voted against it but those voting "no" made about four times as much noise as those voting "yes."

The steady nerve is counted as necessary to maintain a proper equilibrium when members are popping points of order and other puzzling points of parliamentary procedure at the speaker.

The requisite of the lusty arm is necessary to make the members come to order when they go beyond the bounds of legislative procedure.

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Many legislators from the broad open spaces objected to the resolution adopted limiting the postage to \$50 and the telephone and telegraph tolls to a like amount.

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Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk, issued eight permits to wed during the month of January. This was a big decrease over December when marriage licenses issued averaged one for each working day.

Those issued licenses during last month were: Tilma Puckett and Miss Zelma Aley; Jesse Aley and Miss Eramel Sowell; Wm. Hoppe and Miss Josephine Spill; Carl F. Beckhausen and Miss Anna Lisso; J. T. Stephenson and Miss Bertha Scott; A. W. Studham and Miss Lorene Holder; Augustin de la Cerdo and Miss Maria Rodriguez; Elden Brosseau and Miss Velma Graham.

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Mrs. Wayne Woodson and little daughter have returned home from Abilene. Mrs. Harland Gilliland accompanied Mrs. Woodson here and visited over the week-end.

Harry Mills left Saturday for Norman, Oklahoma, where he has accepted a position. Mrs. Mills and son will join him later.

A. N. Hoffman, of Benoit, was attending to business in Ballinger Friday.

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Program Arranged For Council Meet

The Runnels county council of Parent-Teacher Association will meet here Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14, from 2 to 4 o'clock at American Legion Hall.

At the conclusion of the program the local pre-school P-T. A. will serve refreshments to everyone attending the meeting and a social hour will be enjoyed.

Business meeting Talk on Founders Day—Mrs. B. J. Smith of Wingate

Address—Dr. D. M. Wiggins Solo—Miss Adda Ward Social hour

At the conclusion of the program the local pre-school P-T. A. will serve refreshments to everyone attending the meeting and a social hour will be enjoyed.

Miss Adda Ward, appearing on the program, is a popular singer over WFAA at Dallas and recently appeared with the Simms Singers as guest artist.

As a result of the immunization program, sponsored by the county council, 2,063 children received the serum in this county during the 21 clinics held.

George B. Terrell of Alto received credit for introducing the first poem in the 42nd legislature. It was written by Mrs. S. C. Ford of Frisco and aimed at arousing the legislature. It is efforts to relieve agricultural conditions.

The poem follows: Eight cent cotton and 40 cent meat, Who in the world can a poor man eat?

Eight cent cotton and ten dollar pants, Who in the world has got a chance? We can't buy clothes, we can't buy meat, Get too much cotton and nothing to eat.

Eight cent cotton and a carload of tax, The load's too heavy for our poor backs. We're a good set of farmers, we all know well, But there's something wrong, as sure as we all worked hard, we groaned and sweat, Now we are ruined, we're a blowed-up set, No use talking, any man's beat, With eight cent cotton and 40 cent meat.

The poem was referred to the committee on agriculture for a report. Terrell asked that it be printed in the house journal.

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Sunshine Needed For Plowing Land

C. W. Lehberg, county agent, said Saturday morning that several weeks of dry weather and plenty of sunshine was badly needed in all sections of Runnels county.

The most pressing need at present, he declared, is the breaking of ground. Farmers have had little opportunity to plow since the first of October and after that time some were still busy gathering cotton.

In commenting on the underground season the county agent said he had never seen it better and that conditions should be fine for spring sowing.

Most of the farmers are considering the plating of better seed. Standardized seed are being shipped to this county and everything possible will be done to improve crops in this respect.

At present many are planning to cut their cotton acreage considerably and put more acreage in feed crops.

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4-Day Highway Session Called

The state highway commission of Texas will meet in Austin on the last two days of February and the first two days of March.

It is believed that the surfacing of highway No. 4 from Ballinger to the Concho county line will be let at all time, however this is about all that can be contracted for this county at this session.

In case this contract is let at the next session of the commission it will furnish construction work that will last for about four or five months.

The 100-foot right-of-way is fenced, the grade is built and well settled, and all drainage structures are finished.

It is hoped here that a contract will be let for the large bridge across Elm Creek at the April or May session of the commission and if this is done all highway work in this county will be completed this year with the possible exception of surfacing of No. 23 from Ballinger to Talpa.

Thirteen New Cars Registered in Jan.

Thirteen new cars and three new trucks were registered in Runnels county during the month of January. This is an increase over each of the previous three months here.

Following are the registrations as compiled by the county tax collector's office:

- Chevrolets C. & C. Motor Co., 5 Dusek & Pieper, 1 Patrick Chevrolet Co., 2 Fords Harwell Motor Co., 3 Woods Motor Co., 1 De Soto E. F. Batts, 1 Trucks Chevrolets Patrick Chevrolet Co., 2 Healer Chevrolet Co., 1 Fords Miles Motor Co., 1

J. A. Killough has returned from Dallas where he has been attending a meeting of J. C. Penney Company store managers.

P. J. Harris, manager of Perry Brothers store here, returned Sunday night from a week-end trip to Ennis to visit relatives.

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CHURCH COMMITTEE IS GIVEN ENTERTAINMENT

Members of the finance committee of the First Methodist Church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis Monday evening.

The report of the committee showed all money for the interest collected and an effort is being made to raise \$400 more so that another \$1,000 block of the principal could be paid at this time.

Following the business part of the program Mrs. Francis served a delicious plate lunch to the following:

- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales and Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richards and Mary Bell, W. R. Clark and Miss Faye Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler, Mrs. Sam Behringer and Camille, Joe Forman, and Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman.

Louisiana has a law prohibiting vehicles longer than 33 feet to travel upon the highways.



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THE MAIN THING ON MAIN STREET

Large cartoon illustration titled 'ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SHOW'. It depicts a scene at a flower show with various characters and humorous dialogue bubbles. One character says 'THE BEE AIN'T T' BLAME - HE PROBABLY MIS TOOK YER HOSE FOR A BLOSSOM'. Another says 'I SED - MY JOB'S WATERIN' THE POSIES'. A third says 'THE GOLDEN ROD LOOKED SO REAL I THOT IT WAS ARTIFICIAL - BUT -'. The cartoon is signed 'By L. F. Van Zelm'.



Texas Boy is Brightest

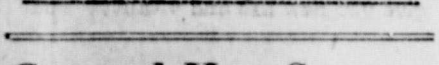
FROM three to twelve. That's the period which is most important to your child's development. And that's the time many are retarded mentally and physically by constipation.

Watch your child, mother! At the first sign of bad breath, coated tongue, headache, biliousness, lack of energy or appetite, give a little California Fig Syrup.

This pure vegetable product cleanses, regulates a child's bowels without discomfort. No danger of forming the laxative habit when California Fig Syrup is used. For it tones and strengthens weak bowels. In colds or children's diseases, employ its gentle aid to keep the system from becoming clogged with germs or waste.

Mothers everywhere are eager to tell of the benefits secured for their children. Mrs. Herman Mayer, 1737 Marlburg St., Dallas, says: "I have used California Fig Syrup with Danny all his life in cases of upsets, bad breath, coated tongue or constipation. It keeps him the brightest, happiest six-year old I know!"

Look for the name California when buying. That is on every carton of the genuine, for your protection.



Ground Hog Sees Shadow; 6 Weeks More of Winter

The ground hog saw his shadow and as the saying goes, he will return to his hole and winter will continue for six weeks more. Monday morning the sun rose bright and if the little ground hog was up that early he saw his shadow and scampered back without staying long. Several times during the day the sun shone bright and other times low, angry clouds and a dense fog hung over the town for several hours.

February has been predicted as a bad month but other predictions have missed this year and so far very little bad weather has been experienced. Last January, ice remained on the ground the entire month and every sprig of vegetation was killed. Even evergreen shrubs here in town lost their foliage last January and never put out until late in the spring. This year weeds are growing fine here and many rose bushes still have their leaves and are trying to bloom.

Rain here Sunday night was about three-quarters of an inch. The rain fell hard for more than an hour early Sunday night and drizzled until late soaking the ground again and putting streams on another rise.

SMITH ELECTED ON NEW GROCERY BOARD

Floyd Smith, of the M System Store of Ballinger, was elected a member of the advisory committee of the newly formed Red and White group stores at a meeting in Abilene Wednesday. W. W. Rahl, of Abilene, was elected to head the new organization which will launch stores at an early date over a wide area of Texas and southern Oklahoma.

The meeting, held in the Wooten Grocery Company building, showed 16 members already in the organization. Mr. Smith will operate the first store here. It is not known whether there will be other stores operated here by the Red and White.

Buy your printing at home.



In Society

many Society leaders have won praise for the natural beauty of their skin and complexion through the use of Gouraud's Oriental Cream. It imparts that soft, alluring ivory tinted appearance to the face, neck, shoulders and complexion which is so bewitchingly attractive. Will not streak, spot or rub off.

GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM

Wholesale, Retail and Oriental The Middle East. Read 10c for Trial Size. Sold by T. Hopkins & Son, New York City

No Installments for Paying City Taxes is Granted Here

There has been some agitation in Ballinger for the city commission to split tax payments as has been done in several other cities in this section of the state. The commission met about two weeks ago to consider the matter and if possible to make such an arrangement to accommodate the tax payers. The question was raised as to whether it could be legally done in a town the size of Ballinger and it was thought best to secure an opinion before passing the order.

C. P. Shepherd, city attorney, then requested through County Attorney Roy Hill for a ruling on the matter. Following is the letter seeking this information: "January 14, 1931.

"Hon. Roy Hill, "County Attorney, Runnels Co., "Ballinger, Texas.

"My dear Sir: "As city attorney for the city of Ballinger, I desire a ruling or an opinion from the attorney general on a question relative to the collection of the city taxes.

"Ballinger is a city of less than 5,000 population, according to the 1930 census, is incorporated under title 28 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and has heretofore adopted the commission form of government, as provided by chapter 12 title 28 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, having a mayor and two commissioners.

"Under chapter 5 title 28 the question of taxation for cities is set out, and heretofore said city of Ballinger has followed the same procedure as county tax collections by opening the rolls October 1 of each year and permitting the payment of taxes and adding the 10 per cent penalty to delinquents on February 1 of each year, on the theory that article 1063 of said title 28 chapter 5 controlled.

"Many requests to the city commission from Ballinger citizens have been received for it to divide the tax payments into two installments, making one-half in January and one-half at a later date, and from the reading of articles 1026-1041 and 1042 of said chapter 5 it appears that the city commission, by proper ordinance, might have the power to do so.

"Please get me an opinion on this question at the earliest date possible, as the commission wants to know its authority on this question.

"Yours very truly, "C. P. Shepherd, "City Attorney, "City of Ballinger."

The following telegram was received Thursday morning in reply to the request:

"Austin, Tex., 1013A, Jan. 27, 1931. "Honorable Roy Hill "County Attorney, "Ballinger, Texas.

"No legal authority for city commission to permit payment of city taxes by installments. Law same as to state and county taxes. See article 1063.

"F. O. McKenzie, "Asst. Attorney General."

The above telegram closes the matter here so far as the city commission is concerned and taxes will be due as heretofore in one payment. Legislation is now underway in the legislature with reference to extending the time on county and state taxes and should this bill pass it is believed the city commission would then have the authority to pass a resolution conforming to that new law.

A number of towns in this section have passed ordinances permitting installment tax payments but these are towns of over 5,000 population and operate under a special charter. In such towns the commission has the authority to arrange tax payments by passing a resolution that effect.

As the matter now stands all city taxes will be due on the last day of January and after that date will be considered delinquent unless an extension is voted by the legislature and similar action is taken by the local city commission.

Governor Sterling signed the deferred tax bill this afternoon as soon as it reached his desk, which was rushed to him from the legislature. The passage of this measure is expected to enormously affect tax payments in all counties, including city and school district taxes as well.

The bill delays the date for the final payment of taxes until October 15 but assesses a ten per cent interest charge on taxes that run past February 1. This interest charge was assessed in order to encourage those able to pay their taxes and save this charge. On the other hand it will give others time on their tax payments without having to borrow money and at the same rate of interest.

The bill also stipulates that taxes can be paid in two installments. It is thought here that this bill will apply to school taxes

and city taxes in towns of less than 5,000 population as well as to county and state taxes. This question has not been settled definitely, however.

Just Like an Ostrich A medical authority says that a person who tries to cover up skin blemishes and pimples with toilet creams and powders is just as foolish as an ostrich that buries its head in the sand to avoid danger. Skin eruptions are nature's warning that constipation is throwing poisons into your blood stream and weakening your whole constitution. Remove the constipated condition and you will strengthen your system against disease and clear up your disfigured skin. The best way to do this is with a course of Herbine, the vegetable medicine that acts naturally and easily, which you can get at Weeks Drug Store.

Bridwell Named Home Storekeeper

AUSTIN, Feb. 3.—The state board of control Monday afternoon confirmed the appointment of T. F. Bridwell, of Ballinger, as storekeeper for the Texas Confederate home.

Bridwell was nominated by R. R. Patterson, newly appointed superintendent of the home.

Friends of T. F. Bridwell will be glad to hear of his appointment to this position. Mr. Bridwell has engaged in various lines of business in Ballinger and has a host of friends here both in business and in social circles. He will assume his duties at the Confederate home at once.

Night Coughing Quickly Relieved

Famous Prescription Gives Almost Instant Relief

Night coughs or coughs caused by a cold or by an irritated throat are usually due to conditions which ordinary medicines do not reach. But the very first swallow of Thoxine, a doctor's prescription, is guaranteed to give almost instant relief. Thoxine works on a different principle, it goes direct to the internal cause.

Thoxine is pleasant tasting and safe for the whole family. It will give you better and quicker relief for coughs or sore throat than anything you have ever tried or your money will be refunded. Put up ready for use in 35c, 60c, and \$1.00 bottles. Sold by Weeks Drug Store and all other good druggists.

WRECK ON SANTA FE DELAYS SERVICE ON THIS BRANCH

Train service was resumed late Wednesday afternoon on this branch of the Santa Fe after traffic was held up for the entire day by a wreck about eight miles east of San Angelo. Eight cars, most of them oil tankers, left the rails Tuesday at midnight and two of the cars exploded causing a large fire. The fire was not controlled until late Wednesday afternoon when a wrecking crew from Brownwood arrived. Mud was used to extinguish the flames.

Spreading of rails was thought to have been the cause of the wreck. Several cars were pulled away from those afire by a locomotive sent from San Angelo. A check up showed that no one was injured in the wreck. Soon after the flames were under control rails were laid and train service resumed.

The cars which exploded contained about 8,000 barrels of crude oil each.

WRONG PICTURE PRINTED FOR LOCAL C. C. OFFICIAL

A picture appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Saturday morning, supposed to be the image of C. R. Stone, new chamber of commerce president here. In some way, however, the wrong picture was placed above Mr. Stone's name and showed a slender man with large glasses on. The incident afforded much amusement here and Mr. Stone is lamenting his hard luck in not breaking into the state paper correctly. Friends say the pictures were changed on account of shortage of space.

Delaware, which is only about 100 miles long and averages about 30 miles in width, has a shore line, including rivers, of 400 miles.

In Montana's two chief herds of elk there are approximately 16,000 head.

Club Women Here Plan 4-H Pantries

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, is devoting most of her time and energy at present to the early plans and organization for the 4-H pantry work for the coming year. Fourteen demonstrators in the clubs of the county have been named and 182 women have promised to co-operate in the work during the year and if possible accomplish more than the demonstrators.

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated Friday that she expected this part of the club work to be outstanding this year because of the interest created by the reports of a few in 1930 and of the need of these pantries for the coming year.

Early plans being considered by the women also take in the planning of their gardens so that they will have the right foods to can and place in their pantries. This work will start now with the canning program plans being perfected for the entire year and their effort will be centered in be finally canned and placed in the 4-H pantry.

The work will be budgeted and by the closing date of the pantry contest every part of the budget will be filled in by those taking part in the work. Mrs. Hollingsworth expects the pantries to be completed by November 15 so that the families can start using out of them for the winter. Women in all clubs of the county are responding to the work this year and it will take the lead in the club work program.

Demonstrators named are Mrs. Frank Reichart, Miles; Mrs. W. R. Hill, South Ballinger; Mrs. Dick Johnson, Bethel; Mrs. Jim Massey, Hagan; Mrs. A. M. Smith, Maverick; Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, Norton; Mrs. Kirby Robinson, N. Norton; Mrs. B. J. Smith, Wingate; Mrs. C. L. Whigham, Victory; Mrs. F. D. Gardener, Victory; Mrs. A. F. Kemp, Runnels; Mrs. W. D. Lewis, Benoit; Mrs. D. A. Dobbins, Baldwin and Mrs. Claude Mills, Baldwin.

SALARIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Abilene, Texas, February 2, 1931. A survey that should be unusually helpful to young people in selecting a vocation has just been compiled by a leading authority for free distribution to those interested in it. This survey, covering 50 business firms employing 1180 young men and women in office positions, gives interesting data as to the average salaries of young men and women in like positions, of higher places promotions lead to, and other essential information that should be helpful to young people interested in a profession that will bring them quick and sure returns.

If you would like to have a copy of this survey, showing what young people like you may reasonably expect to earn in business positions, based on careful data from 50 firms, the chances form promotion, and other helpful information, clip and mail this to Draughton's College, Dept. BL, Abilene, Texas, today. It will bring facts and figures that should prove an inspiration to ambitious young people anxious to prepare for worth-while positions, paying good salaries, and with good opportunities for promotion in the shortest possible time. Clip and mail now.

RADFORD GROCERY NEWS BALLINGER ISSUE HERE

The Ballinger number of the Radford News is out this week and the town received much good publicity from this magazine. The January issue of the paper was dedicated to Ballinger and in addition to a number of local write-ups, a group of local pictures are shown in the paper of Ballinger and the Runnels County Fair. Population of the town, county and precincts, crops and markets and a general write-up of the town, listing all the enterprises is given in the first part of the paper.

A large number of these papers have been received by the local chamber of commerce and will be distributed here.

Bladder Weakness

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Ciss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly ally those conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 60c at

Weeks Drug Store

Farm Loan Office Is Opened Here

The first shipment of blanks has been received here by the committee in charge of drouth relief loans for Runnels county and the headquarters has been officially opened. The shipment of blanks was not sufficient to run many days, however, and as soon as the package was opened a telegraphic order was sent for more.

A number of applications were filed Thursday and those in charge of the office expect a steady stream of applicants from now until the work is completed.

O. T. Toney, formerly with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Company, has been employed as office assistant on full time. C. R. Stephens will be in charge of the office and will be assisted by T. J. McCaughan, of Norton. Other members of the county committee are R. G. Erwin and C. W. Lehmburg.

The application blank to be filed for loans is a large four-page questionnaire which requires some time to fill out. Accompanying this is a mortgage on the future crop and a summary of indebtedness and livestock owned. It will be quite a task to make out the applications and keep a record of them.

The Ballinger offices in addition to handling federal loans will supervise Red Cross relief in this county. This also is a huge undertaking and works hand in hand with the federal loans for aid of farmers in the drouth stricken area.

Loans are made for farmers to buy seed and feed and Red Cross relief for farmers is for food only. A survey of the county has already been made. In addition to the regular office staff, community committees have been appointed to assist in the distributions for the next few months. The work is well lined up and will be handled as fast as possible. Additional blanks will be needed, however, if the office is to remain open and serve all seeking aid.

Mrs. C. D. Mills left Saturday for Ferris for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones.

Wallace Chastain and Wilbourne Underwood spent the week-end here with relatives. The boys are students at Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

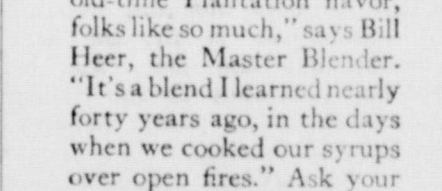
J. D. Agnew, of Coleman, spent the week-end here visiting relative and friends.

Only the finest VIRGIN SORGHUM

can give this syrup the true, old-time Plantation flavor, folks like so much," says Bill Heer, the Master Blender. "It's a blend I learned nearly forty years ago, in the days when we cooked our syrups over open fires." Ask your grocer for Staley's Sorghum Flavored Syrup. Delicious and so inexpensive, too!

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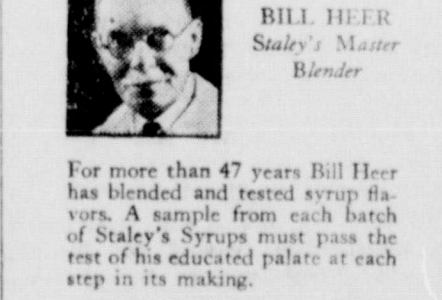
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For more than 47 years Bill Heer has blended and tested syrup flavors. A sample from each batch of Staley's Syrups must pass the test of his educated palate at each step in its making.

Staley's Sorghum Flavored Syrup comes in the Brown Can

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CAR WRECKED BY TRUCK NEAR RUNNELS FRIDAY

Chas. Wimberly was in Ballinger Saturday morning getting estimates on repairs to his car and taking officers to the scene of a wreck near Runnels Friday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Wimberly, driving the family car, had driven up behind some wagons and a large commercial truck coming in the opposite direction collided with her car, damaging it more than \$50 and inflicting minor injuries to her.

Officers were investigating the cause of the wreck Saturday and trying to determine who was at

BLANTON BOY SUFFERS BROKEN ARM TUESDAY

Melvin King, 12, was brought here Tuesday at noon from the Blanton school suffering with a broken arm. Melvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl King and was hurt while playing at the Blanton school at recess Tuesday morning. The break was in the elbow and after being set, local doctors thought he would soon be well again.

Buy your printing at home.

Advertisement for Castoria... for CHILDREN'S ailments. Includes image of a Castoria bottle and text describing its benefits for children's ailments like constipation and colic.

Advertisement for THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK. Text: 'BUILD A PERSONAL RESERVE. Any business man, personally, may have need of a little extra private capital someday, available in cash, outside of his business, unknown to others, and ready for any call. Have a business reserve too. Don't argue that you can use your money to better advantage in your business. A reserve may be your financial salvation someday.'

Advertisement for Ballinger Printing Co. Text: 'JOB PRINTING That S-e-l-l-s! A good printer must do more than merely go through the routine of setting type, inking the roller, etc. He must know how to set up your message so that it will leap out of the paper to capture the reader's eye. So that it will combine emphasis with refined appeal. We are good printers. Ballinger Printing Co. Telephone 27'

Advertisement for THE First National Bank. Text: 'We Invite the accounts of firms and individuals upon the merits of prompt, satisfactory and courteous attention and as liberal accommodations as are warranted by Conservative Banking. A Strong Bank Thoughtfully Managed THE First National Bank ESTAB 1866 OF BALLINGER, TEXAS ESTAB 1866 SINCE 1886'



Children need not steal your health

There should be no health penalty attached to motherhood. There isn't among really healthy women. Expectant mothers who think of the baby's health as well as their own, should take a good vegetable tonic to protect the two lives—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. All dealers. Every package of it contains a Symptom Blank. Fill it out and mail it to Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N. Y., for FREE medical advice.

February Eventful Month this Year

February this year is a perfect month. It begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday with the 28 days running even in regard to weeks. Next year will be leap year and the month will have 29 days.

There is one thing wrong with this month and especially for all who are superstitious. The second Friday in the month is on the 13th and as Friday and the 13th are both considered unlucky, the day will be dreaded by some. Advance weather prediction for this day announce a cold wave and this would also be dreaded by many. The 13th is Arbor day, a day designated by legislative enactment, in different states, for the planting of trees. It was first inaugurated in 1872 by the Nebraska State board of Agriculture. Today it is being observed in many states and great tree planting programs are being conducted at this time.

Other special days in February are as follows:

- Sunday, Feb. 1, Septuagesima Sunday; 2, Ground Hog day; 6, Arbor day for south and Arizona; 12, Lincoln's birthday; 13, Arbor day for the West; 14, Valentine day; 15, Quinquagesima Sunday; 17, Mardi Gras; 18, Ash Wednesday; 22, Washington's birthday, Lent begins; 25, Ember day; 27 and 28, Ember days.

Five days are predicted to hold fair weather. Storm periods, rain and snow, and cold waves are predicted for the remaining 23 days. The moon changes are full moon on the 3; last quarter on the 9th, new moon on the 17th and first quarter on the 25th.

Children's Colds. Checked without "dosing." Rub on VICKS VAPORUB. OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY.

CAR THOUGHT STOLEN FOUND SUNDAY NIGHT

W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace Theatre, missed his car Saturday night when he was ready to go home and at once notified officers. The down town streets were searched and no trace of it could be found. Sunday post cards were printed, giving a description of the car, and mailed to officers in this section of the country. Sunday night about 10 o'clock a mistake was discovered and Mr. Scales notified that his car was at the rear of the Miller Cafe.

The Miller brothers Saturday placed their car in a garage here to have it worked over and the garageman stated that he would loan them a car. Saturday night they were notified that a car had been left in front of their cafe and later they got in the car belonging to Mr. Scales and went home. Sunday morning when they drove the car to town they parked it in the alley at the rear of the cafe and the mistake was not discovered until late Sunday night.

FWOWER IS IMPROVING AFTER SERIOUS ILLNESS

Geo. Fowler, who has been in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for the past month is reported to be improving and expects to be able to leave the institution about Sunday. Fowler suffered an infection in a knee and blood poisoning resulted which has kept him in the hospital for some time. He was injured in a car wreck about a month ago on the San Angelo highway.

Music Substitute Not Wanted

No substitute has quality of original. Insiston Carter's Little Liver Pills—original liver pill creating free flow of bile and making you feel bright as two-year-old. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name and get them. Look for the red bottle. Resent substitutes. Take Carter's always.

County's Voting Strength Falls Below 3,000 Mark

The voting strength of Runnels county this year is approximately 3,000. Total tabulations Monday morning of poll taxes paid showed 2,910, but there were a number of letters that had not been opened which were received Saturday which may bring the final figures up around the 3,000 mark. This is the least number of receipts issued in this county for many years. The records back to 1921 were inspected showing the smallest number in 1926 when 4,981 were issued. Recent years showed the following figures: 1927, 5,741; 1928, 5,054; and 1929 (for voting last year), 5,201.

Motor vehicle licenses were decreased in about the same proportion as poll tax receipts. Automobiles registered up to the closing time Saturday night were 3,121, against 4,081 to the same date last year. Trucks registered up to Saturday midnight totaled 331 against 417 on the same date in 1930. Last year's total registrations were: cars, 5,213; trucks, 812.

W. A. Forgey, collector, and Drury Hathaway, assistant, estimated that approximately 80 per cent of the state and county taxes were paid by Saturday night. No check-up has been made in that department and the estimate was based on checks recently received and money which came in the last day.

A number of motorists were visiting the collector's office at the court house Monday morning to secure new numbers for their machines. A ten per cent penalty is being charged on these registrations.

Martin Explains Workings of Federal Farm Loan in Texas

ABILENE, Feb. 2.—Information desired by farmers, bankers, county of community committees in connection with \$45,000,000 federal farm loan fund was given here by O. B. Martin, state chairman of the relief campaign, who conducted a round table of discussion here.

Application blanks are en route, Martin said. The regulations, as outlined, cover the federal fund of 1930 for southeastern states, but he stated that there will be no substantial revisions for this year.

The regulations follow:

- 1. Those eligible for loans are farmers who have exhausted all their collateral. If they have any collateral which banks or others might accept, they are not eligible. 2. The state committee has recommended the following per acre loan basis: For cotton seed, \$1; for spring oats, \$1.50; for garden seed, \$15; for grain sorghum seed, 25 cents; for peanuts, \$1.50. Certified cotton seed has been offered the committee at \$1.50 per bushel, and that will plant one and one-half acres. 3. Feed for a work animal is computed at \$1.50 per acre. If a tractor is used, \$1.75 per acre. 4. Application for loan, if approved, will give the government a crop lien, and when the debt is paid, a release is given. 5. Interest rate will be 5 per cent. 6. Limit of loan for one applicant probably will be \$600, to be advanced to him in installments, as specified in the application. 7. If mortgagor (applicant) shall fall to care for his crop in a business-like way, agents of the government may enter his premises, take charge of the crop, and charge the mortgagor with expenses of the action. 8. If mortgagor fails to pay his promissory note, or breaks the contract in any way, the government shall have the right to take possession of the crop, and without suit, sell all or the necessary part to satisfy the debt in full. The mortgagor will get the balance, if any. 9. Holders of prior mortgages on any applicants crop shall waive first lien to the government, the federal debt to be satisfied first. 10. Application blank requires a statement of amount of loan sought; number of acres of each crop for which seed is to be purchased; amount desired for feed and number of work animals to be fed; legal description of land; statement of acreage of these crops grown by applicant in preceding year (1930); and agreement to use money only for purposes as set up in the act. 11. Penalty for false representation of any character shall be a fine up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to six months, or both. 12. Can a tenant obtain a loan? Yes, if his landlord signs a waiver under the state law. 13. When is the money ad-

trations.

K. V. Northington, city secretary, who is in charge of collection of municipal taxes, stated Monday that 81 per cent of the city levies were paid by Saturday night and that this did not include a number of large checks due to be credited Monday which would bring the percentage up to about 85 per cent. On January 31, 1930, the city had collected 94 per cent of its taxes.

The city administration will follow the same plan as county and school district officials in collecting taxes during the remainder of the year. No taxes will become delinquent until October 15 but 10 per cent interest will be charged on all levies after January 31.

A. F. Brock, collector of taxes for the Ballinger independent school district, showed the best report here. A check-up in that office Monday showed a total of 82.75 per cent of all taxes paid and others were coming in fast Monday which will greatly cut down the uncollected part to a small carry-over.

This, however, is not as good as last year, when the same office showed approximately 93 per cent of the taxes collected on Jan. 31. The collection of his amount of tax here is very complimentary of the local school and also the city administration. The amount of money already in and with the remainder likely to be collected almost in full prior to October, the school can operate without feeling the expected reduced funds.

vanced? It will be paid to applicant on receipt of complete documents, and approval of application by designated representatives.

14. When and how is loan to be repaid? Not yet announced.

15. If applicant is a tenant, or is farming under a so-called crop contract, or has given prior mortgage on his 1931 crop, he must secure waiver of the actual owner of the land, his landlord, or all prior mortgage holders.

16. If applicant is owner of the land and farms it with tenants or share croppers, waivers of such tenants or share croppers must be secured.

17. If applicant leases land from another, and in turn operates it with tenants or share croppers, waivers of both the actual owner of the leased land (unless rental of said land has been paid), and of tenants or share croppers, must be secured.

18. No transfer, assignment, hypothecation or sale of mortgage shall be permitted without written consent of the federal representative.

19. An applicant living near a county line will be allowed to put his application before the local committee in the community in which he does business, even if the committee is in the next county; but the loan will be handled ultimately by the county committee in the county in which the land is located.

20. No certified county is being given an arbitrary allotment of the fund. This is flexible, quotas to be fixed generally on the number of needy families per county, with no fixed minimum or maximum for any county.

21. How shall the amount of a loan finally granted be arrived at? That will be largely up to the county or community committee, but the final decision will be made by the director in St. Louis.

Martin explained that these committees are expected to scrutinize each application closely, to consider the moral risk and make a confidential report to the St. Louis office; and to be as conservative as possible, under the

circumstances, as to the amount of loan recommended. The idea is to make the application go as far as possible, he stated.

A Great Discovery

When Pasteur discovered, in 1852, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that man enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound, is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.

JOE SPOONTS RESIGNS AS JAILER AND DEPUTY

Joe Spoonst, deputy sheriff and jailer, tendered his resignation to Sheriff W. A. Holt Tuesday morning to take effect at once. He was preparing to move from the jail Tuesday and another family will be placed there at once by the Runnels county sheriff.

Mr. Holt stated that he had not appointed another jailer and deputy to date but expected to name a successor to Mr. Spoonst some time Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spoonst moved to the jail on January 1 and have taken care of the county bastille and prisoners since that time. The jail has had a large number of men confined in it during the month of January and some still await removal to the state penitentiary or trial here at the next term of district court.

Chas. Coombes returned Sunday from Dallas, where he had been to attend to business for several days.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd returned after school at Tahoka Sunday after spending the week-end here with her parents.

F. H. Christian, general superintendent of the Santa Fe, spent Monday night and part of Tuesday here attending to business and meeting the Ballinger people.

Two Break Jail Sunday Afternoon

The first jail break since the new jail was built here was experienced Sunday when Johnnie Walker and Durwood Pogue sawed a bar from one of the windows and escaped. Joe Spoonst, jailer, stated that he had no idea what time the men left as he missed them about 6 o'clock in the evening when he went to lock the men up for the night.

Other prisoners in the run-around with Walker and Pogue stated that the boys had left about an hour before sundown, however, people here declared that they saw them on the street earlier in the afternoon. Monday morning they had not been found, however, a search was underway for them.

Walker was under a two-year suspended sentence and had recently been arrested and placed in jail on a charge of burglary in connection with clothing being stolen from the Bettis & Sturges store here. Saturday Pogue was fined in justice court for a misdemeanor the sum of \$1 and costs and was taking the time in jail.

Mr. Spoonst found three short metal saws and two large files left at the window where one bar had been sawed out. There were ten men in the run-around Sunday and eight remained there, refusing to leave with the other boys.

As soon as the jail break was discovered officers were notified by Mr. Spoonst and a search started for them. Officers in other towns have been notified and are keeping a close watch for the men wanted here for the offense.

J. E. Virden of Wingate was here Monday attending to business Monday attending to business address for another year.

Miss Dolie Cooper left Monday for Artesia, N. M., where she has accepted a position. She goes to join Miss Blanche Hutchinson who went there last week.

Mrs. M. S. Karmany left Sunday afternoon for Dallas to visit the wholesale markets and buy spring merchandise for the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store here.



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GIRLS' 4-H CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT RUNNELS

Mrs. Hollingsworth met with the girls of Runnels community Monday, Jan. 26, at the school house at 9 o'clock and organized a girls' 4-H club, the first girls' club that we have ever had at this place. Mrs. Hollingsworth gave us an outline of the work that we are to do during the year and explained what we would have to do with our projects and she mentioned some of the things that we should do to our bedrooms and yards.

We have twelve members, nine of whom are going to take gardening, two poultry and one dairying.

The officers are Imogene Oliver, president, Louise Nunn, vice president; Nellie Ruth Borders, secretary and reporter. The officers are to appoint the member-

ship and social committees soon. The members are as follows:

- Willma and Willie B. Maddox, Marguerite Cox, Imogene Oliver, Louise and Madeline Nunn, Nellie Ruth and Helen Borders, Juanita Cathron, Freddie Sue Bloxom, Virginia Fowler and Angie Smith. We are going to divide into four groups, each group containing three girls, to represent the head, hands, hear and health.

Each girl will have a well equipped sewing box and material to begin making a pillow case at the next club meeting which is the second Friday of February.

The work seems very interesting and each girl is going to do her best during the year if she is getting started late.

Club Reporter

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BARNETT NEWS

Owing to the bad weather there has been no Sunday school for a long time. However, there was a large crowd out last Sunday and new officers were elected. They are as follows: Dave Forgy, superintendent; Roy Tyree, assistant superintendent; Thresa Laxton, secretary and treasurer; Clemmie Lee Laxton, pianist; Gene Norman, teacher for the men's class; Mrs. Doc Camp, teacher for the women's class; Mr. Howell, teacher for the seniors; Mrs. Tom Gibson, teacher for the intermediates; Mrs. Roy Tyree, junior class; Mrs. Hoot Gibson, the card class.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Drake, of the Mann community, spent this week-end with Mrs. Drake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Camp, and other relatives. We were glad to have them visit our Sunday school and hope they come back again.

Butler Nelson, of Trent is here visiting his brother, M. H. Nelson, and family.

Bro. Bowman, of Ballinger, preached for us Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree.

Mr. Miller, of Bronte, is here visiting his uncle, Gene Norman, and family.

The Barnett P-T. A. plans to hold its first little program Friday night.

"REPORTER."

WILMETH NEWS

The infant son of Stanley Harter died last Monday night at 9 o'clock. Interment was made on Tuesday in the Wilmeth cemetery, following services in the Wilmeth Baptist Church.

Hardy Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Freeman, died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock of diphtheria. Interment was made Sunday afternoon in the Wilmeth cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have lived in the Wilmeth community for many years and their host of friends mourn with them. Another son, Horace, is ill with diphtheria.

Lila Jo Gouch is ill also of the disease. Dr. Hensley reported that she is doing nicely.

This is the second week that school has been closed in order that the spread of diphtheria may be minimized, as few children in the community have been immunized.

"REPORTER"

BETHEL NEWS

Rain, rain, and more rain all last week and some of the school busses were not able to make the regular routes on account of muddy roads.

Rev. Cole filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. He was accompanied by Dick Deater of Abilene, formerly of Brazil, who gave a very interesting talk on missionary work of Brazil and also sang songs in their language. His father has been a missionary for a number of years, and Brazil was Mr. Deater's boyhood home until 3 years ago when he came to Abilene as a student in Simmons University.

Very good crowds attended both Sunday schools in spite of misty, rainy weather.

Two of Bethel's teachers have been absent the past week on account of sickness. C. A. Womack was very sick with influenza. Miss Eloise Gilkerson spent several days with friends near Paint Rock where she was taking treatment for a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Shelburn accompanied by Miss Cornelia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Adams at Paint Rock and also attended Conference in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Archie and family of Wall attended church here Sunday.

The Rowena mail route has been extended in this community, several boxes being changed from the Ballinger route in order to have them nearer residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are moving to the vacant house on the Wilde farm near the schoolhouse.

Miss Alma Koenig and Miss Lola Frasher, of Santa Anna, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moreland of near Ballinger.

Clyde Simmons of Ballinger spent the week-end visiting home folks and Walter Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy of Doole were visiting in this neighborhood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Batts and children attended church at Paint Rock Sunday.

Jess Smith has a child very sick with catarrhal fever.

Presiding Elder Batchlor of San Angelo will preach at the Methodist Church Thursday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Howe has been quite sick for a time but is better at present.

The Bethel boys and girls basketball teams played two interesting games at Ballinger Saturday afternoon, the boys playing Crews and the girls playing Maverick. They lost both games but had quite a lot of practice on indoor courts.

Mrs. R. F. Smith has received word that Mrs. Sam Smith, formerly Miss Willie Wood, was badly burned by upsetting a tub of boiling water. She was resting well at latest reports.

A number of outside boys accompanied David Wood to Paint Rock Friday night to play ball.

Mrs. David Duke taught school last week, replacing Miss Eloise Gilkerson, who was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harvey and son, Melburn, of Ballinger, attended church here Sunday.

Uncle Bill Ransbarger of near Concho visited in the Simmons home Sunday.

"REPORTER."

HERRING TOPICS

Church Saturday night and Sunday school Sunday morning were well attended but there was no B. Y. P. U. Sunday night on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alcorn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller Sunday.

Leslie Allcorn, of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller Sunday, and T. C. Payne, who is employed at San Angelo, spent Sunday with his family of the Crews community.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer had as their guests Saturday night and Sunday Miss Mary Smith, of Coleman. They have as their guest this week Bro. Ray Farmer, of Novice.

Miss Bernice Hale spent Monday night with her sister, Mrs. T. C. Payne, of Crews.

Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale was a guest of Miss Mona Avent Monday night.

Miss Thora Brevard and Miss Irene Smith, teachers of the Victory school, were week-end guests in the J. P. Brevard home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avent and Hubert Foreman, of Blanton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent Thursday.

Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard spent Saturday night with Miss Mona Avent.

Mrs. Clyde Brevard and baby, of Blanton, spent last week with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent, Misses Mona Avent and Maggie Ruth Brevard, and a brother of Mrs. Lewallen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewallen Sunday.

Singing Sunday afternoon was well attended. There was some good singing and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome again on the first Sunday in March.

The Herring boys' basketball

team played the Maverick Saturday night. The score ended in favor of Herring. The Herring boys also played the Brown ranch team Monday night, the game ending in favor of Brown ranch.

Mrs. Kerby spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Fuller.

"REPORTER."

HAGAN NEWS

Bro. Cole of Abilene preached for us Sunday. There was a very good attendance at both Sunday school and church.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family and Bro. Cole spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

Grandpa and Grandma Crimm have moved back to our community. We are surely glad to have them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fowler Sunday.

Raymond McMillan of Ballinger spent Saturday night with his brother, Albert McMillan.

Mrs. Thomas has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Austin Williams.

The party Saturday night at Bill Farmer's was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Corum of South Ballinger visited Grandpa and Grandma Crimm Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Farmer spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Wallace Seipp.

"REPORTER"

WINGATE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Rogers are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterns, Mrs. Addie Barnett, and Miss Willie Mae, Winona and Tiny Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gresham spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Rogers.

Floyd and Horace Wood are visiting in the Blanton and Oxien communities this week.

Ivan and Rogers Vosburg were the guests of Jack Niles Sunday.

Mrs. S. H. Wood spent Sunday with Mrs. W. O. Wood.

Miss Omata Henley and Miss Willie Mae Wood spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Polk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mahurin.

Mrs. Richard Rogers spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Rogers.

We are sorry that Miss Lizzie Barnett is not improving as we wish her to.

Miss Earline Hancock, who is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Bob Hancock, spent the week-end with her father in the Valley Creek community.

Miss Gertrude Blackwell spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Marvin Bishop of the Valley Creek community.

J. W. Dunn returned home Saturday from a visit in Alpine.

Dee Hancock, who is going to Sul Ross College at Alpine spent the week-end at home.

This week is the mid-term examination week. Most all of the students are looking forward to getting them finished.

"REPORTER."

BLANTON NEWS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were not very well attended Sunday on account of bad weather.

Miss Effie Parker visited Mrs. Sidney Dietz this week-end.

On account of so much rain, the farmers are getting behind with their plowing.

Mrs. Vernon James is visiting here grandmother and other relatives at Quanah, Texas.

We are sorry to report Miss Effie Parker on the sick list this Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe had

as their guests Sunday Mr. Holton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Parish of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope of near Harmony visited in the J. A. Foreman home during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope, Mrs. Clifford Cope and Mrs. J. A. Foreman visited Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dunford at Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie James had as her guests this week-end her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas, also her sister and her husband and children of Mangramm, Okla.

W. F. James and family attended church at Crews Sunday.

What has become of our P-T. A. at Blanton? It seems to be time to revive this movement.

"REPORTER."

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bushong and children, of Talpa, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bushong's sister, Mrs. C. H. Midgley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson and little daughter, of South Bend, spent the week-end with Mr. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Watson, and sister, Mrs. J. C. Reese, and family.

Mrs. R. E. Brown has returned home after several days' visit with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Abilene.

Mrs. Frank Booth, of Blanton, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. I. F. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor are visiting in Dal as this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese visited Mr. Reese's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reese, of Benoit, Sunday. J. S. Reese is improving after sustaining a broken shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harris and baby went to Blackwell Saturday after their two children, who had been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fry.

Miss Ina Baxter was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Midgley Sunday.

Miss Corinne Brown spent Tuesday night with Miss Lucille Hooks.

Mrs. W. H. Greer and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of town, attended the club meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese.

Mrs. Milton Harris and children were guests in the home of Mrs. C. H. Midgley Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Corinne Brown were visitors in the John Hooks home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Skelton, of Benoit, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm last week while staying at the home of Mrs. Walk Allen.

James Midgley visited his brother, Frank Midgley, and wife, of San Angelo, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hooks accompanied Mrs. Skelton to her home at Benoit Saturday night.

H. W. Doherty is improving and will soon be able to return home from the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Mrs. I. F. Watson is improving.

The baby of Bennie Smith has been very sick.

Miss Winnie Mae Van Nort is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and children, of town, were guests in the John Hooks home Sunday.

The Merry Wives Club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hollingsworth gave a talk and a demonstration on the 4-H pantry. Those present were Mrs. W. H. Greer and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of town; Mmes. V. McShan, C. D. Harris, Milton Harris and J. C. Reese. Some of the members were sick and others had sickness in their homes, but by the time of the next meeting we hope the attendance will be improved and new members will join.

"REPORTER."

BEHOIT NEWS

We are surely glad to see some sunshine after so much rain. Farmers and stockmen do not grumble about the wet weather although the ground can not be ploughed for some time.

J. E. Reese is suffering from a fractured shoulder. The misfortune occurred when Mr. Reese fell from a ladder one day last

week at his home here. He is not resting very well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kelly Sunday.

Miss Serena Bryant spent Tuesday night with Miss Edna Brookshire.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire and daughter, Miss Lurline, also Miss Opal Cox were visitors in the A. W. Hill home Sunday afternoon.

The serum will be given to the children whose parents wish them to be immune from diphtheria at the school house Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley and children, of Ballinger, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis.

Miss Gladys Bryant is attending school at Wingate. The Bryant family has recently moved here from Glen Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack were Benoit visitors Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. Hill honored Mrs. J. T. Lumpkins with a sunshine shower last Wednesday afternoon. Cake and hot chocolate were served to those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody were visitors in the C. M. Gibson home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Audice Reese visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reese Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker were San Angelo visitors last Sunday.

"REPORTER."

NORTH NORTON P-T. A. REPORT FOR JANUARY

The North Norton P-T. A. rendered the following program on thirt for January:

Thrift Pageant
Common Ground, reading
"Why Not the Child," Reading
"Old Man Spend Thrift"

Pageant was led by Mrs. Bob Murphey was led by Mrs. Bob Murphey on "ways of teaching thrift in home and at school."

We earnestly urge every member and interested mother to be present at our next meeting which is the third Thursday in February.

MRS. A. W. NIX,
Publicity Chairman.

CHANGE IN OFFICIALS OF MILES STATE BANK

MILES, Feb. 5.—Paul J. Brown has resigned as cashier of the Guaranty Bond State Bank here, effective February 1. He will leave this week for Ft. Stockton, where he has accepted a position as active vice-president of the First National Bank there.

The following new directors were named at the annual meeting of the bank a short time ago: H. Clarke, J. W. Cranford, C. S.

This Woman in 4 Weeks Lost 17 Pounds of Fat

Here's a letter written October 21, 1929, by Mrs. Fred Barringer of Lewistown, Montana, that ought to be read by every overweight woman in America.

Gentlemen: I started taking Kruschen every morning as directed as I was very much overweight and wanted to reduce.

I had tried going on a diet but would get so hungry that my diet would not last long, so I decided to give "Kruschen Salts" a fair trial. The day I started to take them I weighed 256 lbs. and at present, which has been just four weeks, I weigh 239 lbs. And I must say, I feel better in every way, besides looking much better.

May all large people, both men and women, who want to reduce in an easy way, give Kruschen Salts a fair trial. I am sure it will convince anyone.

A bottle of Kruschen Salts that lasts four weeks costs but 85c at L. C. Daugherty Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., or Weeks Drug Store, or any drugstore in America. Take one half teaspoon in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning. To help reduce swiftly cut out pastry and fatty meats and go light on potatoes, butter, cream and sugar. The Kruschen is the safe way to reduce—Try one bottle and if not joyfully satisfied—money back.

Delinquents Must Pay 20% on Cars

In a recent issue of this paper it was stated that penalties of 10 per cent were being assessed on delayed motor vehicle registrations. This was an error. The penalty for auto registrations after the last day of January is 20 per cent—where the machine has been used any time during the month of January.

Where a car has been put in a garage on the last day of December and not used since that time it can be registered at any time without the penalty being assessed by the owner making an affidavit that it has not been in use during the present year at any time. The machine can be driven to a light testing station for the purpose of securing a receipt for the headlight but can not be driven elsewhere for any purpose without a license. The affidavit required simply gives a description of the vehicle and the oath recites that the machine described above has not been in use on the public highways of the state since January 1, 1931.

The rate for car registrations decreases each month one-twelfth and at the present time a motor vehicle as described in the preceding paragraph would be taxed eleven-twelfths of the total registration fee. For several years registrations on automobiles decreased quarterly but for the past two years the fee has been divided by twelve, decreasing one-twelfth each month the machine is not in use.

R. Gettschalke of Winters was in Ballinger Friday attending to business matters and ordered his paper for another year.

The history of Virginia is to be put in moving pictures for use in the schools.

Three islands bought by the city of Stockholm from the Swedish Crown were included in the largest real estate transaction ever concluded in Sweden.

Lower Prices on Groceries

at the

M SYSTEM GROCERY AND MARKET

You'll make a big mistake if you fail to take advantage of the week-end bargains offered here this week. You may look for the best year in your history so far as we are concerned for we certainly intend to make it interesting for our customers as well as others. If you are getting lower prices now than you have been accustomed to getting in Ballinger, remember that we are striving at all times to do something for our friends and will appreciate the opportunity of serving you directly.

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING ROCK BOTTOM PRICES!

<p>LETTUCE Nice Firm Heads — 5c</p> <p>SYRUP Breakfast, 1 gal — 68c</p> <p>PORK & BEANS 2 cans — 15c</p> <p>HOMINY No. 2, 2 cans for — 15c</p>	<p>SALMON 2 cans for — 25c</p> <p>LEMONS Good for health, doz. — 23c</p> <p>ORANGES Dandies for the money — 18c</p> <p>APPLES For eating or cooking — 18c</p>
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FOR SALE—Best certified White Leghorn Eggs and Baby Chicks. W. S. Caudie, Phone 7211. d-26-29-3 30-2tw*

Deaths

Carrie Kyle
Carrie Kyle, colored, 23, died at the home of her father, Tom Kyle, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30. She had been ill for several months.
Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from the colored Baptist church with Rev. Boone officiating. Interment was made in the local negro cemetery.
Undertakers from Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Agent's Annual—
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cent over last year.
Dairy improvement work carried on in Runnels county in 1930 has been in the nature of culling out low producing individuals and in improved feeding methods.
Thirty-nine herds with a total of 411 cows were culled. Six bull circles were organized. This with the 32 circle bulls brought into the county during the three previous years brings the total of circle bulls to 42.
The average milk production per cow over a period of four years has been raised from 1.9 gallons to 2.9 gallons and the butter fat content from 3.8 per cent to 4.71 per cent.

The continued drought and the low price for butter fat has put quite a damper on dairy work in the county, however, it has caused the weeding out of a large number of star boarders and, although the number of cows has been greatly decreased the quality has much increased. Two hundred and thirty-seven cows were tested for T. B. Twelve sanitary dairy barns were built, 15 dairy herds are now operating under the Standard Milk Ordinance and are producing grade A and B milk.

Progress has also been made along horticultural lines. Four pecan budding schools were held in 1930. One thousand and thirty-nine pecan trees of improved varieties were planted, 17,917 buds were placed and a Pecan Growers' Association with 37 members was organized.

In seed improvement work the results during the past year were not very encouraging. Due to the severe drought only a small amount of pure line seed has been produced.

Boys and Girls 4-H Club Work
The phase of work that will bring the largest returns in increased usefulness, greater efficiency, greater love for the farm and the farm home and consequently greater happiness among the rural people is 4-H Boys and Girls Club Work. The results in this work have been very gratifying. Through our 4-H club organizations approximately 500 rural boys and girls receive training each year in community leadership, in farm and home accounting, in home beautification, in more efficient production of crops and livestock and poultry, and in the building of womanly and manly character. We have in the county this year 10 organized 4-H Boys Clubs, each with a local leader and a full set of officers. The productive value of these 4-H club boys, even under the droughty conditions they had to face, amounted to \$5,744.77. Ten of these boys received state and national recognition for outstanding work done. Eighteen members were given free trips to the A. & M. College Short course. Prizes won by 4-H Club Boys in 1930 amounted to \$317.85.

In conclusion, since we adopted a definite balanced program, extending over a period of years, setting definite goals to be reached we have definite results to show and I feel sure that those who have studied the work during the past years will agree with me that the results obtained were certainly worthwhile.
These results reflect themselves in: 1. Better homes. 2. More home conveniences. 3. Well filled pantries and store rooms filled with canned fruits, vegetables and meats enabling our farmers to live more at home. 4. Better

health and therefore a more ambitious people. 5. Better quality in their crops, livestock and poultry. 6. Greater love for the farm and farm home because our farmers are fast learning the lessons of conserving their soils, storing the rains in well prepared seed beds, rotating their crops thereby building up the fertility of the soil and increasing acre production, and 7. Our farmers are fast learning the lesson of diversifying their efforts and their activities. Let the good work go on.
C. W. Lehmborg,
County Agent

Notice to Members of the Lone Star Wool-Mohair Co-operative Association

We have made arrangements to handle wool for the Lone Star Wool-Mohair Co-operative Association of San Angelo. There will be no extra charge above the regular charges specified in their marketing agreement. We have also arranged with J. A. Guy of this place to furnish bags and twine to our customers at the lowest possible cost. If you do not want to truck your wool to the warehouse just bill it to us for concentration over the railroad and we will take care of the freight. We will be glad to assist anyone in preparing their papers who wants to join the association or get a pre-shearing advance on their wool.
Talpa Wool Warehouse Co.
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Doctors Disagree

When children are irritable and peevish, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and fingers, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms. Many mothers, too, will not believe that their carefully brought up children can have worms. The fact remains that these symptoms will yield, in a great majority of cases, to a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the sure expellant of round and pin worms. If your children has any of these symptoms, try this harmless, old fashioned remedy, which you can get at 35c per bottle from Weeks Drug Store.

Build Egg Storage Plant at Bowie

Texas, home of many modern farming ideas, is fostering a new thought—a co-operative egg storage plant which a group of farmers believe will enable egg producers to obtain a greater portion of the profits from this farm product.

A 2400 case, electrically refrigerated storage plant is being constructed in the farm community of Bowie, Texas, and will be in readiness to operate by early spring. Summer eggs, ordinarily thrown on an unprofitable market, will be held for the more favorable fall and winter periods.

The community egg storage innovation followed a chamber of commerce investigation of the success of small egg refrigeration plants, a number of which have been operated in the Lone Star State during the past two years by individual farmers and merchants of farming communities. Impressed, the Bowie egg producers decided upon the proposed plant, which is said to be twice the size of any now in operation.

One of the first of such plants was built by Lee Faulkner, Bellevue, Texas, merchant, who reported that during the first year he bought summer eggs for \$7.50 a case and sold them in November for \$12.50 a case.

"From the above figures," Mr. Faulkner stated, "it is evident that the plant, which cost \$8,000, not only paid for itself during the first year, but that such a plant is a valuable asset to a business like mine, or a farm community."

The Bowie plant, like others in Texas, will be of frame construction, cork board insulation and will be refrigerated by Frigidaire equipment.

SOUTHERN FARMERS URGED TO USE IDLE CROP LANDS

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 2.—Land left over when cotton and tobacco acreage has been reduced this year should be put to some practical and profitable use, farm leaders urge.

A. C. Kimrey, dairy extension specialist at North Carolina state college, suggests: "Not less than 5 good cows, not less than 5 acres of good grass pasture, sufficient legume hay and grain for winter feeding, a cream separator and at least three 5-gallon shipping cans."

One tobacco farmer in the Stoney creek section of Caswell county has planted 70 acres of wheat this winter to begin a live-at-home program.

Cage Tourney at Winters. Feb. 6-7

Basketball players from this section will gather in Winters Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, for a tournament. This tournament will be for boys only and on the 27 and 28 of this month the girls of the county will play. The games will begin Friday and by Saturday night all games will be played down to the finals. The game for the county championship will be delayed until Saturday night, Feb. 14, at which time the two teams eligible for the championship game will meet and the county champions will be decided.

The schedule for the boys' tournament has been completed and the girls' matched play will be announced soon. C. R. Smith, of Winters, is in charge of the play and is sending out material to all schools at present in an effort to have all schools present at the time for their first game. Following is the schedule arranged for the games:

Boys' Schedule

Date for tournament, Friday, February 6th:
Group 1. 9 a. m.—Maverick vs. Crews.
Group 2. 10 a. m.—Wingate vs. Drasco.
Group 3. 11 a. m.—Herring vs. Norton.
Group 4. 1 p. m.—Bethel vs. Pumphrey.
Group 5. 2 p. m.—Mazeland vs. Tokeen.
Group 6. 3 p. m.—Rowena vs. Blanton.
Group 7. 4 p. m.—Winner of Group 1 vs. Winner Group 2.
Group 8. 5 p. m.—Winner of Group 3 vs. Winner Group 4.
Group 9. 6 p. m.—Winner of Group 5 vs. Winner Group 6.
7 p. m.—Drawing for semi-finals, class B.
8 p. m.—Ballinger vs. Miles. (Semi-finals in class A)
Second day, Saturday, Feb. 7th
9 a. m.—Semi-finals in class B
7:30 p. m.—Finals class B
8:30 p. m.—Finals class A
Saturday, February 14, 8 p. m.—County championship game.

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C. F. Redlich, Minneapolis, Minn., will demonstrate without charge his unequalled method in San Angelo on Thursday Feb. 19, at the Roberts Hotel and in Abilene on Saturday Feb. 21 at the Hilton Hotel from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
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New French Radio Plan STRASBOURG, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Establishment of a new radio station here marks the inauguration of a new policy of national broadcasting in France with high-power stations. The local station uses 12,000 watts.

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Rural Committees On Loans Named

A complete organization for drouth relief for this county has been completed and all community committees named to pass on loans in the respective neighborhoods. The committeemen will be called to attend two meetings Monday, the first to be held at Winters at 10 a. m., and at Ballinger at 2 p. m.

Each application for a loan must be approved by a community committee. Duties of the committees will be explained at the two group meetings held at Winters and Ballinger.
C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, stated Saturday that the committeemen would receive full instructions on their part of the work Monday, and that notices had been mailed each to be present.

If additional supplies are received within the next few days the officials will be able to go ahead taking applications. The first shipment of blanks was short and a letter received here Saturday said the supply was exhausted but that another shipment would be printed and sent here in a few days.

The county committee is giving full time to the work and will for the next few months. All committeemen are serving without compensation, doing the work merely for the benefit that will accrue to the county. The work is handled through the extension service and each county agent is a member of the county committee with three others. In addition there is a committee of three in each school district who must also pass on each loan to be made and afterwards check each man received aid to see that he properly spends his money.

Community committees who will be called to the meetings Monday and who will serve while the relief loans are distributed are as follows:

Ballinger Division
Miller—Jasper Smith, Kenzie Routh, John Jonas
Benoit—W. R. Hill, J. A. Green, Andy Spreen
Oxien—W. E. Martin, Rube Whitley, W. M. Jones
South Crews—Lester Dietz, J. M. Woods, Ed Rainwater
Eagle Branch—Burley Cambell, H. G. Bradley, Corbitt Cooper
Blanton—Charles Toungett, J. S. Flanagan, Paul Witter
Old Runnels—Garland Nunn, J. E. Fowler, Kimble Wood
Hatchel—T. M. Ferguson, Hugo Michaels, A. B. Davis
Barnett—J. M. Laxton, A. W. Tyree, C. L. Howel
Hagan—Dee Oliver, I. M. Turner, J. A. Patterson
Dry Ridge—B. M. Batts, George W. Kemp, Ross Smith
Spring Hill—Owen Aycock, Geo. Dean, Julius Henkhaus
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Bell—Otto Granzin, Chas. Ray, Clive Curry
Brookshire—C. H. Hester, W. H. Cothran, R. E. Wolber
Maverick—Bert Fletcher, J. W. Borders, Cecil Glenn
Marie—John Black, J. W. Clark, A. F. Landers
Herring—W. A. Hale, Lonnie Allcorn, M. F. Kerby

Bethel—Clarence Wilson, G. H. Dierschke, John Batts
Olfen—Walter Lange, Ed. Hoelscher, Willie Halfmann
Greenwald—J. F. Kudlacek, Joe Halubec, Joe Droll
Sweet Home—John Simecek, W. F. Redman, E. P. Kaulfus
Rowena—Clement Hoelscher, A. W. Matejovsky, W. A. Eggemeyer
Ballinger independent school district—W. A. Taylor, M. B. Wardlaw, Clarence Routh

Winters Division
Dale—W. M. Hoppe, M. H. Williams, Chas. Adams
Harmony—C. E. Branham, Gus Gerhardt, Truitt Billups
North Crews—Walter Pape, Edgar Jayroe, Leonard
Lone Star—Sam Mathis, R. L. Bates, Lee Porch
Tokeen—H. S. Bright, C. C. Simmons, Bert McKnight
Elm Creek—C. S. Brown, R. E. Lafoon, D. D. Aldridge
Victory—Jim Eoff, O. F. Turk, Loss Williams
Baldwin—W. J. Gardner, D. A. Dobbins, J. L. Downing
Drasco—H. A. Matchell, Robert Stone, S. H. Puckett
Pumphrey—M. L. Mitchell, E. H. Colburn, Joe Awalt
Independence—J. D. Smith, Arthur Mincenmayer, W. E. Edwards
Mazeland (Wilmeth)—W. B. Dodgen, W. E. Puckett, L. H.

Harkins
Oak Creek—Tad Richards, Had McKowan, Henry Clark
Williams Springs—J. A. Burns, Kyle R. Dickinson, C. E. Sutton
Franklin—J. W. Stehle, E. M. Blackwood, John Onken
Poe—H. B. Poe, J. H. McDonald, Hans Gottschalk
Wingate—John Ganaway, Duncan Hensley, J. M. Shaw.

Weddings

Beck - McWilliams Nuptials Are Celebrated Saturday

Intimate friends and relatives witnessed the pretty wedding ceremony in which Miss Opal Beck Williams became the bride of Joe Beck Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the pretty McWilliams home in Hillcrest.
The living room spire had been given a lovely floral decoration. The bride and groom were unattended and Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated, using the impressive ring service.
The bride was especially pretty in a new blue chiffon frock, extremely long, and with white embroidery making an effective trimming. She is a graduate of the Ballinger high school of the class of 1930 and has spent her entire life in Ballinger. She took an active part in all school ac-

ivities and held many offices. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McWilliams.
Mr. Beck is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beck. He, too, is a graduate of the local high school and of the Tyler Commercial college. He is at present connected with the West Texas Utilities Company at Mason. Immediately following the service Mr. and Mrs. Beck left in their car for a short wedding trip. After a few days they will be at home in Mason where a completely furnished home awaits them.

NEW LIBRARIAN CHOSEN
Mrs. George Pearce has accepted the position as librarian here and will be found at the library each Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock. Miss Alice Morgan, who has held the place for several years, resigned the first of the year.
Mrs. Pearce will be glad to see her friends at the library any Saturday afternoon and will be glad to meet anyone interested in books for any kind of reading.
C. L. Baker is still confined to his home where he has been for several weeks suffering with a bad case of influenza.
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